

Chapter 2

Driver Applicants

2-1. License requirements

- a. This chapter identifies licensing requirements of applicants for motor vehicle operator positions.
- b. All Active Army, ARNG, U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), and civilian personnel (excluding contractor personnel) to include foreign nationals, whose positions will require operation of Government-owned or -leased vehicles or equipment will be trained, tested, and issued an OF 346 (U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card) according to this regulation.
- c. Driver applicants for administrative, tactical, or emergency wheeled vehicles, to include those whose positions will require the transport of hazardous materials, will complete training equal to or greater than that specified in chapter 4 of this regulation. Chapter 4 contains waivers relating to training and testing requirements for specific vehicles and under certain conditions. Motorcycle, moped, and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators must also comply with the provisions of AR 385-55.
- d. No exceptions to this regulation will be made in the case of persons who regularly operate vehicles or equipment in connection with other work or incident to other duties. A person employed either as a part-time or full-time operator for the Army must successfully complete the appropriate series of required tests.
- e. Civilians appointed under direct-hire authority in cases of Office of Personnel Management (OPM) registers, reinstatements, position changes or transfers, and noncompetitive job appointments must comply with the provisions of this regulation.

2-2. Commercial driver's license

- a. The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program was established by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986. This Act is applicable only within the United States.
- b. Military operators of equipment owned or leased by the Department of Defense are granted a waiver of the Act's requirements (that is, are not required to obtain a State CDL). This waiver applies to any active duty military personnel and members of the Army Reserve and National Guard on active duty; including personnel on full-time National Guard duty, personnel on part-time training, and National Guard military technicians (civilians who are required to wear military uniforms and are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice).
- c. DOD and contractor-employed civilians (except firefighters) must have a CDL to operate the following Government-owned or leased vehicles:
 - (1) *Class A*. Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 or more pounds, provided the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of any vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.
 - (2) *Class B*. Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.
 - (3) *Class C*. Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that meets neither the definition of Class A or Class B, but that is either designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, or is used to transport hazardous materials which require the vehicle to be placarded under Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR, part 172).
- d. Refer to appendix C for further details on the CDL program, and for The Wheeled Vehicle Fleet Classification System, which categorizes Army tactical wheeled vehicles according to CDL vehicle classes.
- e. Additional CDL qualification requirements are contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (Title 49 CFR, Part 383).

2-3. Military drivers (active component, USAR, ARNG)

The following licensing requirements apply to military operators of Government-owned or leased vehicles, both tactical and nontactical (to include those with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less).

- a. *Driving off the installation*. Within the United States or U.S. possessions, operators must have—
 - (1) A valid OF 346.
 - (2) A valid civilian driver's license issued by a State (not necessarily the State in which the activity is located), the District of Columbia, or a U.S. possession (Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, or Guam).
- b. *Driving on the installation*. Within the United States or U.S. possessions (unless required by AR 611-201 as a prerequisite for awarding an MOS), operators—
 - (1) Are not required to have civilian driver's licenses.
 - (2) Must have a valid OF 346 for operation of vehicles on the installation only (see limited permits, chap 6). However, personnel who possess a State or host nation driver's license which is suspended or revoked will not be issued any type of OF 346 and will have current OF 346 suspended or revoked for the same time period.

c. Driving outside the United States or U.S. possessions. Operators must—

- (1) Have a valid OF 346.
- (2) Meet any additional host nation and major Army command (MACOM) requirements.

2-4. Department of the Army (DA) civilian drivers

The following licensing requirements apply to DA civilians operating Government-owned or leased vehicles (tactical and nontactical).

a. Driving within the United States or U.S. possessions. Operators must have—

- (1) A valid OF 346.
- (2) A valid civilian driver's license issued by a State or U.S. possession. If the vehicle being driven meets the criteria listed in paragraph 2-2, this license must be a CDL.

b. Driving outside the United States or U.S. Possessions. Operators must—

- (1) Have a valid OF 346.
- (2) Meet any additional host nation and MACOM requirements.

2-5. Contractor employed and other Service operators

a. The basic contract agreement will have a statement that the provisions of this chapter apply.

b. Department of Defense (DOD) contractors stationed outside the United States and U.S. possessions must meet host nation requirements. Contractor employed operators who are required to operate Government-owned or leased vehicles or equipment (that is, nontactical, tactical, combat, mechanical, or ground support) must have—

(1) A valid civilian or commercial driver's license issued by a State, District of Columbia, or U.S. possession (not required for stationary ground support equipment).

(2) A valid OF 346

c. Installation commanders may waive the requirement for contractor employed operators to possess an OF 346 for nontactical vehicles only. If the requirement is waived, alternate measures must be developed to identify drivers who are authorized to operate these vehicles for official business, and to certify that the driver possesses a valid State driver's license.

d. Valid permits of active members of other U.S. military services or Government agencies will be honored as a matter of reciprocal courtesy provided local military and civilian requirements have been met.

2-6. Physically handicapped persons

Certain physical handicaps may be compensated for or corrected so that they alone are not sufficient grounds to deny a standard license. Other handicaps may restrict the individual to operation of specific vehicles or equipment under specific conditions. The DA Form 348 (Equipment Operator's Qualification Record (Except Aircraft)) and OF 346 will be annotated with such restrictions. Provisions of AR 750-10 apply concerning modification to vehicles and equipment when hand controls or other driver-aid devices are necessary. Medical restrictions will be noted in the individual's personnel file. Driver and operator responsibilities of a physically handicapped person are the same as those of other licensed drivers and operators.

2-7. Foreign national drivers

a. Foreign or local nationals and military personnel of allied armies required to operate U.S. Army vehicles or equipment, must possess a valid civilian driver's license issued by the host nation and be trained, tested, and issued an OF 346 according to this regulation.

b. Limitations imposed on foreign operators as a matter of security will be stated on permits and enforced accordingly (see Limited Permits, para 6-3d).

c. Agreements with allied armies regarding joint employment of U.S. Army vehicles, equipment, or operators will incorporate essential features of this regulation and be approved by Army Safety Office (DAC-SF), Chief of Staff, 200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0200.